1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA 9 10 MICHAEL ANTHONY ABELS, No. C10-5033 Bhs/KLS 11 Plaintiff. ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO v. PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS AND 12 DIRECTING INSTITUTION TO KRISTEN SKIPWORTH, et al., CALCULATE, COLLECT, AND 13 FORWARD PAYMENTS 14 Defendants. 15 The Court, having reviewed Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis (Dkts. 3 16 and 4) does hereby find and ORDER. 17 Plaintiff's declaration indicates he is unable to afford the court's filing fee or give 18 security therefor. Accordingly, Plaintiff's application to proceed as a pauper is **GRANTED.** As 19 set forth below, an initial partial filing fee will be collected, and Plaintiff is required to 20 21 make monthly payments of 20 percent of the preceding months income credited to his/her 22 account until the full amount of the filing fee is satisfied. 23 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 and Plaintiff's approved application to proceed in forma 24 pauperis, the agency having custody of the above named Plaintiff is directed to calculate an 25 initial partial filing fee equal to 20 percent of greater of -- the average monthly deposits to the 26 prisoner's account or the average monthly balance in the prisoner's account for the 6-month ORDER - 1

period immediately preceding the date of this Order. The initial partial filing fee should be forwarded to the Court Clerk as soon as practicable.

Subsequently, if the prisoner's account exceeds \$10.00, each month the agency is directed to collect and forward payments equal to 20 percent of the prisoner's preceding month's income credited to the prisoner's account. In the event that the monthly payment would reduce the prisoner's account below \$10.00, the agency should collect and forward only that amount which would reduce the prisoner's account to the \$10.00 level. Please note that this \$10.00 limit does not apply to the initial partial filing fee described above. Finally, the monthly payments should be collected and forwarded to the court until the entire filing fee (\$350.00) for this matter has been paid.

The Clerk is directed to send plaintiff a copy of this Order and the General Order, along with a copy of Plaintiff's Acknowledgment and Authorization portion of the IFP application to the attention of the inmate account manager of the Stafford Creek Corrections Center, Aberdeen, Washington.

DATED this 8th day of March, 2010.

Karen L. Strombom

United States Magistrate Judge